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Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

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RE: Sauget Area 2, Site Q, Sauget/Cahokia, IL

Dear Mr. McAteer:

We are writing in response to the January 29, 1999, General Notice of Potential Liability regarding the referenced site, which was received by this office on February 18, 1999.

Please consider this letter a formal request for specific information regarding the basis for your allegation that Inmont Corporation is liable for conditions at Sauget Area 2 (Site Q). As reported in our responses to the initial and supplemental 104(e) inquiries, BASF Corporation has twice undertaken a comprehensive investigation and has not discovered any nexus to Sauget Area 2 (Site Q), or that any hazardous substances originating from Inmont were deposited there. Until it is demonstrated that hazardous substances from Inmont Corporation were in fact disposed of at the subject site, we cannot reasonably respond to the agency's request to participate in the site investigation or remediation.

Separately, we note that you have directed the General Notice of Potential Liability to United Technologies Corporation d/b/a Inmont Corporation. Please be advised that pursuant to BASF Corporation's acquisition of Inmont Corporation and subsequent agreements, BASF Corporation is the entity required to respond to this claim.

Finally, the notice letter references the fact that lawsuits may have been commenced regarding this site. If so, please identify said lawsuits. Additionally, we request copies of the following documents referenced in attachment 3 to the December 21, 1998, action memorandum: (1) July 1994 Removal Action Report for Sauget Area

2, Site Q; (2) Memorandum re: Sauget sites, Area 1 and Area 2 with attachments; and
(3) Memorandum: information for Removal Action Memorandum for Sauget Area 2,
Site Q.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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